



North Street Baptist Church, Baltimore, Rev. Harvey Johnson, pastor, has 2,100 members.

There are 34 chaplains in the United States Army. Four of them are colored, receiving a salary of \$1,500 a year.

One of the ablest divines in the State of Virginia, is Rev. R. H. Hollis, who is successfully pastoring the largest church at Floyd Court House.

Commander Booth Tucker of the Salvation Army has been visiting a number of Southern cities with the purpose of inaugurating that plan of Mission work among the Negroes of the South.

The First African Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga., Rev. E. K. Love, D. D., pastor, celebrated its 112th anniversary recently. This is not only the oldest Colored Baptist Church in America but also the largest in membership.

Rev. George Bragg, of Baltimore, has revived the Church Advocate, published in the interest of the colored Episcopalians of the country. Associated with him on the editorial staff are Rev. Owen M. Waller and Rev. E. Robert Bennett.

The C. M. E. Publishing House at Jackson, Tenn., has paid the last note on its property and is now free from debt and The Christian Index the organ of the connection is self sustaining. Rev. H. Bullock the Agent and Rev. C. H. Phillips, D. D. the Editor, have just cause to be proud of this excellent record.

Rev. L. H. Reynolds, D. D., Editor of the African Methodist, published at New Orleans, is a prominent candidate for the editorship of the Christian Recorder, the official organ of the A. M. E. Church. Dr. Reynolds is a graceful writer, genial in disposition, and has numerous friends.

Rev. W. G. Avant, a graduate of King Hall Theological Seminary, and well known in this city, is now in charge of an Episcopal Church at New Bern, N. C. He has so far completed his rectory as to be able to occupy the same. Rev. Avant is a scholar and an orator of great promise.

The Rev. W. H. Giles, D. D., pastor of the Macedonia A. M. E. Church, Camden, N. J. has been appointed by Bishop Grant to the vacancy in the Publication Board, A. M. E. Church caused by the death of Dr. J. S. Thompson, who was an honored vice-president of the Board.

In a recent speech in Chicago Booker T. Washington said:

"The best examples we have in this country of the ability of the Negro to organize and succeed is in the two Methodist Churches—the A. M. E. Zion Church and the A. M. E. Church—those are the best examples that the Negro

has furnished to the world in this age of his ability to succeed in an organized capacity."

It is bad policy as well as bad morals to try to build up yourself by pulling others down. If your church cannot be built upon its merits, it can never be built up by running down other churches.—Western Christian Recorder.

Long sermons, as a rule, are as unpopular as they are unnecessary. While special occasions may justify discourses of extraordinary length, the short, terse, unctuous sermon of 30 or 40 minutes length has, and always will have, right of way in the estimation of the average hearer.—Star of Zion.

The Rev. E. M. Brawley, D. D., who has, for the last three years, served with such signal ability as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Darien, Ga., has, by a unanimous vote of the church, been called as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Palatka, Fla. This church is one of the largest and most influential that the denomination has in that whole State.

Dr. Haygood, a prominent M. E. divine, thinks that if a Negro bishop is elected to preside over Negro conferences, it would drive many good Christians from the church; that it would be the greatest crime of the age; that it would be a stench in the nostrils of God, a hiss and a by-word for all time to come; whereupon a Southern exchange is moved to remark: "If a Negro bishop would cause all of this disturbance, may the Lord help the brethren prevent this dire calamity."

Said Bishop Arnett recently: "The white Methodists North are raising a twentieth century thank offering fund of \$20,000,000. The African Methodists are raising a thank offering fund of \$600,000, to be devoted to ministerial education, foreign missions and church extension. In 1794 we had one colored A. M. E. Church, located in Philadelphia and dedicated by Bishop Asbury. Today we have 5,200 churches, valued at \$8,000,000, and a church membership of 700,000. In 1790 only six out of every 100 Negroes in the United States lived in the North. In 1890 the census showed that eight out of every 100 lived in the North. In 100 years the colored population has shifted scarcely a hair's breadth."

Said the sensible and practical Bishop Hood, in a recent letter: "The A. M. E. Zion Church will meet in quadrennial session a few months hence. The M. E. Church, composed largely of white delegates, will be in session at the same time. Now, if in the transaction of business we can show as much intelligence as our white brethren, better, more, and a higher Christian spirit, we shall get to ourselves great credit. It seems to me that the object is worth the effort. We have had some bickerings, but fortunately our paper has not a large circulation. Comparatively few know anything anything of what has been going on among us. But when we assemble in Washington we shall have the eyes of the nation upon us. * * * When I was a young man I used to go up to the General Conference ready for contention. For months beforehand I was preparing speeches,

not of the most heavenly order, most of which I never found any occasion to deliver. And some of which were delivered, had better been left undelivered. I soon learned that it was a great mistake to go to a Christian Convention prepared to fight somebody."

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